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BATON ROUGE – Long time criminal defense attorney John Di Giulio has accepted a position with the newly created Louisiana Public Defender Board as the Trial-Level Compliance Officer.

In 2007, the legislature created a statewide supervisory public defense agency to assist and monitor the delivery of legal services to indigent defendants in Louisiana's 42 judicial districts. As part of that reform, the legislature created state-level positions to ensure compliance with the constitutional obligation to create a uniform system of securing and compensating qualified counsel for indigent adult and juvenile defendants.

State Public Defender Jean Faria said, "The Louisiana State Public Defender Board is committed to compliance with the American Bar Association *Ten Principles of a Public Defense Delivery System* as well as our agency's own Performance Standards. These standards have been adopted as the foundation of our defense services and will be the way that we measure our productivity and performance. The Louisiana Public Defender Board is excited to announce John Di Giulio's employment to achieve these objectives and serve defendants and communities in Louisiana."

Di Giulio graduated from Harvard Law School in 1969 and has practiced criminal law in Louisiana since 1977. He has handled numerous high profile cases, most recently representing one of the nurses arrested by Attorney General Foti's office in the Memorial Hospital case and one of the police officers in the Danziger Bridge case in New Orleans.

"I was not looking for a job but when the Board hired Jean M. Faria as its first State Public Defender, I knew they were serious about reform. I am committed to achieving systemic improvements for the representation of poor people in Louisiana's criminal justice system," Di Giulio said.

The Trial-Level Compliance Officer is one of seven executive positions, including State Public Defender, State Juvenile Defender, Director of Training, Juvenile Justice Compliance Officer, Information Technology and Management Officer and Budget Officer.

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